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STATE NORMAL MEET AT ASHLAND

A meeting will be held at Ashland next Monday at 1:30 to take action in regard to the new Eastern Kentucky Normal school. All Big Sandy towns that expect to present their claims for the school are invited to be present. It is a meeting for a combined fight to bring the school to Big Sandy, but the individual claims of the various towns are not to be considered at this time. This is an important movement, as a fight will be required to bring it to Big Sandy. The present situation does not look very favorable to this section.

At this meeting attention will be given also to urging the letting of more contracts on the Mayo Trail.

J. Jerome Haddox One Year in Prison

A year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., was the sentence imposed on J. Jerome Haddox, former postmaster at Harboursville, by Judge George W. McClinton of the United States court. Haddox acknowledged a shortage in his accounts as postmaster at Harboursville, W. Va. The sentence was the minimum provided under the law. The plea of guilty was entered before the recess of the court at noon Saturday and within an hour or two afterward Haddox with other federal prisoners, was on his way to Atlanta to begin his time.

Following his removal from office and his arrest on a charge of appropriating postal funds several weeks ago, Haddox told friends that he had lost the money which he was short, while under the influence of drink. His appointment as postmaster at Harboursville marked the climax of a "come back" journey, started years ago after he surrendered his credentials as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. Drink, it is said, wrecked his career as a minister, even as it brought him to dishonor and disgrace in the postmastership.

Haddox started life as an editor, first attaining prominence through his work on a newspaper at Hamilton. He was a republican and was appointed to succeed J. W. Wilson as postmaster, Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

John Fox, Sr., Herbarium Presented to the University of Ky.

The herbarium of John Fox, Sr., father of the Kentucky novelist, has been presented to the University of Kentucky thru President Frank L. McVey and put in the hands of Dr. Frank T. McFarland, head of the Department of Botany, for incorporation in the University herbarium.

The gift consists of more than 500 specimens representing many families and species. The majority of the plants are ample, well pressed, correctly identified and in splendid condition. A few of them are rather small but representative; a few are unnamed, these being for the most part decorative plants.

They were collected for the most part in the mountains of Western Virginia and Eastern Kentucky, a region that has been hitherto poorly represented in the herbarium.

The collection is more highly prized for the fact that John Fox, Sr., collected these plants more than twenty-five years ago. From their present condition, it is evident that the collector was a very careful and painstaking worker and a man who was interested in plants and the out of doors.

Fox for more than forty years taught a private school at Stony Point in Bourbon county and in Clark and Bath counties. After the burning of his home in Bath county he moved to Paris where he opened a school for boys. About 1890 on account of poor health Mr. Fox was forced to give up teaching; he removed to Big Stone Gap, Va., and here he spent the greater part of his leisure time collecting and identifying the plants of this region.

Mr. Fox was born in Clark county, Kentucky, in 1839 and died at Big Stone Gap, Virginia, in 1912. He was buried at Paris—Lexington Herald.

MRS. A. E. ARNETT'S EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Elliott Arnett, who recently returned to Crum, W. Va., from Greenup, Ky., was given a birthday dinner at the home of George Mead of that place who invited several of the old friends of Mrs. Arnett to enjoy the day with them. A fine dinner was served in her honor. She is 85 years old and is in good health and looks remarkably well for one of her extreme age.

FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

The funeral of Mrs. M. L. Carter was held last Friday and burial took place at Zelma. Rev. H. B. Hewlett of this place conducted the service. Among relatives who went from Louisa were Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Carter and sons, Dan G., Ernest and Geo. J. Mr. C. T. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Chaffin, Miss Lou Chaffin, Hubert Chaffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Queen, From other points were M. L. Carter, of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ekins of Ashland, Arnolda Lakin of Newell, W. Va., Will Frazier of Holston, W. Va., Mrs. Chas. Carter of Yatesville, Mrs. Eva Atkins, Mrs. E. Loe, of West Virginia and Ray C. Gardway of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Death of Mrs. J. O. Black of Buchanan

Mrs. J. O. Black, a lifelong citizen of this place, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Riddle, at Ashland Monday morning. Mrs. Black has been in poor health for some time but was feeling better than usual some two weeks ago when she was called to Ashland by her daughter's illness. While ministering to her she was taken very ill and lived just five days. Mrs. Black was formerly Miss Sarah Burris, a member of the well known Burris family of this section, was married in June, 1851 to Rev. J. O. Black. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Calhoun of Huntington; Mrs. Arthur Blankenship of Yatesville; Mrs. John Riddle of Ashland, and a son, Fred, living at the home place. The remains were brought to Kavanaugh chapel for interment Wednesday morning, funeral services conducted by Rev. Kirby and Rev. Duncan. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Kentucky Land Value is Lowest in Three Years

Washington, March 21.—The average value of plow lands in Kentucky is lower now than at any time in the preceding three years, according to a report issued today by the Department of Agriculture. Plow lands in the Bluegrass State reached their highest value in 1920, the figure show, with an average increase of \$9 an acre over 1919. Since then, however, there has been a steady decrease in value. In 1921 the average value an acre was \$7 less than in 1920 and this year it is \$6 less than in 1921.

The present average value of all plow lands in Kentucky is given by the Department of Agriculture as \$47, compared with \$53 in 1921; \$79 in 1920 and \$61 in 1919. In 1919, eighteen States had a higher average value for all plow lands than Kentucky; in 1920, nineteen States had a higher figure; in 1921, twenty-eight States, and this year twenty-four States.

The average value of good plow land in Kentucky this year is given as \$67 and the average value of poor plow land as \$28.

WILLIE HOLBROOK DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Willie Holbrook died at the home of his brother, Jean Holbrook, in Louisa Wednesday afternoon, of pneumonia, after an illness of four days. He came here from upper Maine to help wait on his brother, Jean, who has pneumonia. The body was taken to the home place near Martha for burial. Mr. Holbrook was about 32 years old and was a son of Ferret Holbrook. He leaves three children, the youngest three years old. They are children of the first wife, who died more than a year ago. Mr. Holbrook was married again only about a month ago, and the wife was with him when he died.

The mother of Jean and Willie is very low with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. L. D. Pyffe, a daughter living next door to Jean Holbrook. Mr. Pyffe is just recovering from pneumonia and Jean Holbrook also is better.

This is an unusually sad situation. These are all excellent people and they have a great many friends. Jean Holbrook moved to Louisa a few months ago and is operating a garage. Mr. Pyffe is connected with Dixon, Moore & Company.

MRS. SARAH A. BLACK DIES IN ASHLAND

Mrs. Sarah Agnes Victoria Black of Buchanan, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Riddle in Ashland on Monday morning. She was sixty-six years of age. A brother and two daughters, S. Burris and Mrs. Walter Calhoun and Mrs. E. E. Kinkaid reside in Huntington.

The funeral was held at Kavanaugh Wednesday morning, interment following in the family cemetery.

NASH & CAIN OPEN OFFICE IN HUNTINGTON

Nash & Cain, contractors, have just established an office in the city of Huntington and hereafter will make this their headquarters. They are located at No. 303 Day & Night building. Last November they finished a road contract in Boone county, West Virginia, and on March 11 they received another contract in this same county for four miles of the Logan to Charleston road. J. M. Cain of this place is one of the partners.

W. B. COX DIES IN WILLIAMSON

Funeral services for W. B. Cox, prominent Williamson merchant and business man, were conducted by the Rev. L. S. Cunningham, pastor of the First Methodist church at that church Saturday. Burial was made in the city cemetery.

Many friends of the late Mr. Cox, who had lived and transacted business in Williamson for 25 years, attended the funeral.

PIKEVILLE MAN DIES

Charles Ramsey of Pikeville died in a hospital in Huntington Tuesday night as the result of an injury received when he was struck on the head by Kendall Arnett a few days ago in Pikeville. It is said the men were engaged in a game of cards when the trouble arose. Ramsey was struck by a coal shovel and fell unconscious to the floor. His skull was fractured.

MINERS STRIKE CALLED APRIL 1

The union coal miners of the country have been ordered to go out on a strike April 1. On that date the agreements of the last three years expire and the operators and union officials have not been able to get together on terms.

It will probably be an important struggle, the length of which it would be difficult to predict.

The unorganized fields of this section will run right along and the country will be fairly well taken care of.

Louisa-Sandy Hook Road Lost in Shuffle

Thirteen bills passed by the Legislature are invalidated because the Lieutenant Governor failed to sign them. One of them was the bill adding to the primary road system of the State a road from Louisa to Sandy Hook, the bill that Representative Moore pushed through.

This accident is greatly deplored here. It occurred in the confusion incident to the closing hours of the General Assembly. This will cause a delay of two years, and there is no way to remedy the matter until that time.

Four Casualties Near Huntington

Huntington, W. Va., March 15.—Three are dead and one dying as the result of shooting affairs and accidents in this vicinity in the twenty-four hours ending last midnight.

H. A. Imman, 43, Kellogg, was killed and Delbert Gibson, 25, West Huntington, fatally hurt when a shale car overturned on a trestle at the Huntington Brick and Tile Plant, late yesterday.

Carl Kates, 25, who shot and killed Robert Smith, a negro, near Chesapeake, Ohio, Wednesday night died in a local hospital last night. The negro shot him twice.

Maneius Wellman Dies in Indiana

The body of Maneius Wellman arrived at Louisa on Tuesday of this week and was taken to the Wellman graveyard where burial took place on Thursday.

His death occurred at his home near Dana, Indiana, where he had lived for several years. He moved to Indiana from this county. Mr. Wellman had been in ill health about two years.

The body was accompanied to this place by one of his sons.

He was about seventy-five years of age and was well known and highly esteemed by the older citizens of the community.

Cases Postponed Until April Third

Jackson, Ky., March 21.—The trial of the Clayholme election day murder cases today was postponed until April 3 on motion of the Commonwealth's Attorney. A motion by the Commonwealth for a change of venue was overruled by Circuit Judge Sam Hurst as was a motion by the defense that Judge Hurst vacate the bench.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES MAY BE BANNED

Charleston, W. Va., March 18.—Admirers of "Billy" Sunday, who is engaged in an evangelistic campaign here, are alarmed today by the threat of Dr. H. A. Cland, city health officer, to prohibit public meetings because of the influenza situation. With 500 cases of "flu" in the city he said that if persons with colds do not stay away from public gatherings a bad will be placed on such meetings and a quarantine enforced.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE

To the people of Deep Hole, Pleasant Ridge, Buemeyville and Twin Branch, who are interested in Sunday school work: You are respectfully requested to organize each of the above neighborhoods into Sunday school at the earliest possible moment, preparatory to Go-to-Sunday-School Day. Your District President, Rev. L. E. Atley, is ready at any moment's notice to assist you in this work. Call him into service.

G. B. CARTER, Co. S. S. Pres.

DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL

Mr. Geo. W. Castle, who recently moved to Fullerton from Portsmouth, has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal for Eastern Kentucky, including Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Boyd and Lawrence counties. He will locate at Ashland. Mr. Castle was U. S. Marshal some years ago.

HALL-SELBEE

Miss Flossie Hall of Portsmouth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hall of Paintsville, Ky., and John Selbee, railroad employee, were quietly married in Portsmouth. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Selbee will make their future home at 2932 Walnut street, Portsmouth.

CARUTHERS-WILLIAMSON

Invitations have been received here to the wedding of Mr. Rowland Williamson and Miss Louise Caruthers, both of Memphis, Tenn. They are to be married April 5 at five o'clock in the evening at the Presbyterian church in Memphis. Mr. Williamson is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Williamson.

Oil Operations in Eastern Kentucky

(Reports of oil operations in the daily press include the following:)

In the Big Sandy fields one of the best of new strikes was made by the Union Gas & Oil Company on the Sparks lease, Lawrence county. This well, in the Martha pool, is reported at 25 barrels. The Union Gas & Oil Co., which is also developing the Skaggs and other leases, has a number of rigs up for a continuous drilling campaign this summer. This company has drilled 150 wells in the Big Sandy field. Johnson and Magoffin county completions during the week were limited to four wells, with no dry holes. Pipe line runs are showing an increase, due to some extent to warm weather, but mostly to the extensions of production developed in the Big Sandy area. The Johnson-Magoffin-Lawrence pools of Eastern Kentucky have doubled their production since last year, and are now among the most prolific fields in Kentucky.

Geologists have mapped out a section of Southern Floyd county, five miles long by a mile and a half wide, for Pittsburg interests, who are moving in two rigs for tests. Wells will be drilled for the Berea sand, the deep producing formation of the Big Sandy Valley. The Lorraine Oil & Gas Co. is drilling several new wells in Pike county.

A well on the Parish Sparks farm in Lawrence county came in Friday, good for 25 to 50 barrels.

American Troops Ordered Home

Washington, March 20.—The disposition of the allied powers to haggle over the American bill for \$241,000,000 for keeping the American troops on the Rhine resulted today in President Harding issuing an order for the withdrawal of all American forces from the German Rhineland.

The troops, Secretary of War Weeks announced will be brought home as fast as available transport services can bring them, and it is expected the last American doughboy will be out of German territory by July 1.

There are now approximately 4,000 American officers and men in the American sector of the Rhineland, according to army figures.

Pikeville Man Ends Life With Gun

St. Sterling, Ky., March 21.—While seated in a chair at the home of Donald Quisenberry, this city, today Moseabee Montjoy, 40 years old, shoe salesman of Pikeville, placed a revolver in his left temple and fired, death coming within three hours.

He was visiting relatives here and was despondent. Mr. Montjoy was a son of Robert Montjoy of this city, where he formerly lived.

LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Lawrence County Board of Supervisors was in session last week and a portion of this week. They have notified persons whose property has been raised, and they will meet again on April 3 for a five days session to hear the citizens who desire to be heard in regard to increase of valuation. The members of the board are Robt. Dixon, J. H. Woods, Jesse Young, J. H. McClure and C. K. Dobbins.

OIL PRODUCTION REPORT FOR KENTUCKY FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

County	Barrels
Allen	40,537.94
Barren	5,413.22
Bath	1,311.14
B. & A.	250.16
Bell	60,116.29
Floyd	296.02
Jackson	167.43
Johnson	40,916.23
Knott	397.05
Lawrence	29,160.18
Lee	286,994.01
Logan	449.67
Magoffin	82,886.02
Menifee	1,379.06
Morgan	1,211.07
McCreary	403.01
Powell	17,577.73
Simpson	6,810.53
Warren	91,119.70
Wayne	15,548.11
Wolfe	7,005.12
Total	690,260.40

DIES AT WINCHESTER

Winchester, Ky., March 17.—Henry Lemon, 26 years old, died at his home here at 2:30 o'clock this morning. He is survived by his widow, three children, his father, Daniel Henry; three brothers, one of whom is Roscoe Henry of Pikeville.

WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. V. L. Williams was killed by a train last Tuesday in the Williamson, W. Va., yards when she was crossing the track. Her husband and a twelve year old boy survive.

FLU IN CARTER COUNTY

The flu is said to be raging in Soldier and vicinity, there being over 150 cases of the disease. Gus Smith died Friday and his wife passed away the following day.

The committee sent to Frankfort to protest against the increase in valuations of Lawrence county made by the State Board has succeeded in getting an additional reduction of \$50,000.00 in the valuation of town lots.

RIDING MASTER WHO WON M'CORMICK GIRL



First picture to reach the United States of Max Oser, 47-year-old Swiss riding master who is to marry 17-year-old Matilde McCormick, heiress to International Harvester millions and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller.

STATE 5TH IN 1920 SOFT COAL OUTPUT

Average Value \$4.10 a Ton On 35,528,762 Mined, U. S. Reports.

Washington, March 20.—Final statistics on bituminous coal production in 1920, announced today by the Geological survey, showed that the total output for that year amounted to 163,734,333 net tons.

Kentucky, the report shows, ranked fifth among the bituminous coal producing States, its total being 35,528,762 tons, valued at \$145,928,000 or an average of \$4.10 a ton. The four States that surpassed Kentucky in output and total value were Pennsylvania, 165,063,347 tons, valued at \$627,420,000; West Virginia, 89,460,797 tons, valued at \$386,900,000; Illinois, 83,630,835 tons, valued at \$273,140,000; and Ohio, 45,276,191 tons, valued at \$172,286,000.

The States, however, obtained a higher price per ton for soft coal mined than did Kentucky. These States and territories and the average value per ton in each are North Carolina, \$7.04; Alaska, \$5.82; Michigan, \$4.39; Oklahoma, \$4.80; Maryland, \$4.62; Arkansas, \$4.55; Oregon, \$4.47; West Virginia, \$4.32; California, \$4.23; and Missouri, \$4.13.

Of Kentucky's total production of bituminous coal in 1920, 35,334,161 tons were loaded at the mines for shipment; 1,050,196 tons were sold to local trade and used by employees; 897,434 tons were used at the mines for steam and heat, and 446,971 tons were made into coke at the mines.

The total number of employees in Kentucky's bituminous coal mining industry in 1920 was 49,452, of which 9,416 worked above ground. Of the underground workers, 26,006 were miners, loaders, etc., while 14,930 did underground work other than the actual mining of coal.

The average number of days worked in Kentucky mines during 1920 was 132 or less than that of twenty-six other producing States.

CAPTAIN BURNSIDE DROWNS IN OHIO RIVER

Captain E. A. Burnside, of Ft. Pleasant, and Mrs. Edna Schelker, wife of the engineer, were drowned when the towboat Helper, operated by the Campbells Creek Coal Co., Kanawha river mining concern, turned turtle when caught in a whirlpool near the Southern railroad bridge at Cincinnati.

John Wilson of Ludlow, Arthur Schelker of Newport, husband of the drowned woman and Steve House of Cincinnati, fireman, were saved.

The boilers exploded as the boat sank, wrecking the vessel as it disappeared beneath the muddy waters of the swollen Ohio.

Captain Burnside was one of the best known of the older rivermen on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers.

LUNCHEON

Mrs. Mary B. Horton was hostess at luncheon at her home on Madison St. last Saturday to a few of her friends, Mrs. Phoebe Wallace, Mrs. Frances Rowe, Mrs. J. D. Bell and Mrs. Nora Sullivan being the lucky ones to be invited to partake of the well known hospitality of Mrs. Horton. Through-out the four courses the color scheme, yellow and green, was carried out very artistically and the luncheon not only beautiful but most delicious.

Mrs. Sullivan is leaving for a few weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. B. J. Fox at Oliver, Ky., and Mrs. A. M. Campbell of Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Sullivan dined with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace on Sunday and spent a most pleasant afternoon with these dear friends, enjoying not only the elegant dinner, but the association of all in the home. Mrs. Rowe of Hartford, N. Y., a sister of the hostess and grand-nephew, John Woods, of Buffalo, N. Y., are house guests.

GUEST

32ND DEGREE MASON. L. D. Harrison was in Covington last week. He was one of a large number to take the 32nd degree in Masonry.

LONESOME PINE GAP PROVIDED FOR

Senator Brig Harris succeeded in getting through the Legislature a bill adding a piece of road from Jenkins to the Virginia state line. This is quite an important matter, as it was the only gap in the proposed road to be known as the Lonesome Pine Highway that was not on the State map.

Our readers will remember the Appalachian highway organization made at Pikeville last October to connect up the Mayo Trail and roads already under construction in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina into a great highway from the Ohio river to Asheville. It would be the most popular and attractive route for automobile tourists from the north to the south.

Mrs. Damron, 83, Dies in Catlettsburg

Mrs. Marion Damron, 83 years of age, passed away at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Wayne Damron in Catlettsburg last Wednesday. Mrs. Damron had an attack of influenza nine weeks ago from which she suffered complications which caused her death.

Mrs. Damron was Miss Jennie St. Clair of near Roanoke, Va., and was a member of a very old and highly estimable family. Her first husband was Robert Wigginton of Virginia and to this union were born four children, one of whom was Samuel D. Wigginton, the father of Mrs. Wayne Damron and Mrs. George Richardson of this city. Several years after the death of her first husband, she deceased was married to Marion Damron of Dunlow, Wayne county, W. Va., who passed away 18 years ago and since that time Mrs. Damron has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Damron.

Mrs. Damron was a life long member of the Baptist church and possessed a noble christian character. She was much loved by all who knew her and was affectionately known by them as "grandmother." She is survived by the following grandchildren: Mrs. Wayne Damron, Mrs. George Richardson, and Marion Wigginton, Robt. Wigginton of Ft. Gay, W. Va.; Mrs. H. Walker and Walter Wigginton of Huntington; John C. Wigginton of Washington, D. C. and John Wirt of Davy, W. Va.

Dying Man Confesses to Viars Murder

Word comes from Whitesburg that in the alleged death-bed confession of John Coyer, former soldier, at Beaver creek, north of that place, the mysterious death of Miss Lula Viars three years ago has been cleared up. Miss Viars disappeared and a year later her body was found in the Ohio river. Just before Coyer died he confessed to friends that he murdered Miss Viars because she loved another. He stated that he struck her in the head with a hammer. To hide the crime he placed the body in a dry goods box and shipped it to Ashland. At Ashland he carried the body to the river—Hazard Herald.

MAYO TRAIL

Huntington has the utmost sympathy with the progressive citizens of Eastern Kentucky in their efforts to secure completion of the Mayo Trail. The possibilities attendant upon this enterprise are vast in proportion. The territory through which the Mayo Trail will run is one of tremendous natural wealth, and the road, when completed will forge a strategic link between North and South, through historic precincts, and to the great good of the local population as well as to those who travel afar. Ten years from now the population of the Big Sandy Valley will be twice what it is today. The Mayo Trail ought to be completed within five years, or sooner—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

MRS. E. L. HUBBARD DIES

Mrs. Ed. L. Hubbard, whose death occurred in Ashland a few days ago was born in Prestonsburg October 23, 1863, the daughter of James and Elizabeth De Rossett, and was married to Edgar L. Hubbard January 8, 1883. She was one of a family of twelve children, all of whom have preceded her to the grave. A brother, W. S. De Rossett died January 27 at Vicksburg, Miss.

Her life was spent in doing good for others. She had no children of her own, but had reared nine among whom are Mrs. Thursa Rule of Price, Utah; Mrs. Lizzie Sawyer of Custine, Cal.; Mrs. Gertrude Lock of Dayton, Ohio; Robert, Rosa Lee and Garnet Marie Hubbard at home—Ashland Independent.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Willie Diamond, 22, of Daniels creek to Jimmie Thompson, 19, of Irish creek.

Thomas Cochran, 65, of R. 2, Louisa, to Nettie Sexton, 53, of Fort Gay, W. Va.

Garland Copley, 26, to Grace Perry, 19.

CRATE OF QUAIL

Local game warden, P. M. Melvin, Sunday received from the State Warden, a crate of Mexican quail, which he took to a good field, for cooeying and turned loose. Mr. Melvin has made request for another crate of these birds, which are said to be rapid multipliers and of quick growth—Grayson Journal.